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In re the Application of

Lyle Armstrong et al.

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Docket No.: 106141

For: METHOD AND AGENT FOR DETERMINING AN ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY SUCH AS DEAMINASE

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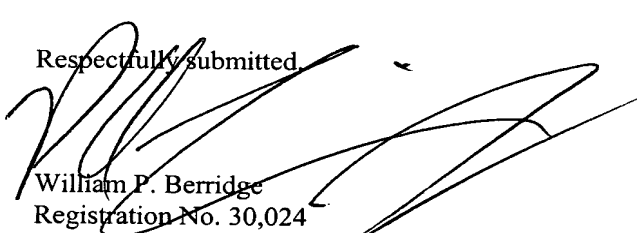
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